



# LONG TERM CARE NEWSLETTER

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## Advance Directives

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announces the release of the *Indiana Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST)* form. The ISDH has also published an *Advanced Directives Resource Center* web site that will provide links to all state advance directive forms as well as the ISDH Advance Directive Brochure and other related information.

### **ISDH Advance Directive Resource Center**

In its 2013 Session, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act 1182. The legislation required the ISDH to develop a POST form and place the form on the ISDH web site. To fulfill the requirement, the ISDH created an *Advance Directive Resource Center* web site. The site is located at [www.in.gov/isdh/25880.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/25880.htm).

The Center contains links to the following forms:

- State Form 55315: Life Prolonging Procedures Declaration
- State Form 55316: Living Will Declaration
- State Form 49559: Out-of-hospital Do Not Resuscitate Declaration and Order
- State Form 55317: Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (POST)

The web site also contains the ISDH Advance Directive Brochure, links to relevant state laws and regulations, and links to a few related web sites.

Forms.IN.gov provides citizens and employees of the State of Indiana a common access point to State forms. Managed by the Indiana Commission on Public Records, the Catalog contains electronic versions of relevant and current forms, allowing citizens to more easily conduct business with the State of Indiana. The above forms may also be found through the state forms website at <http://www.in.gov/icpr/2362.htm>.

### **Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST)**

[HEA 1182 \(2013\)](#) enacted a state physician order for scope of treatment form. The statute establishes a process for the execution of a physician order for scope of treatment (POST) form by an

individual, or the individual's representative, and the individual's treating physician to indicate treatment the individual would like to have or have withheld under specified circumstances. The statute specifies provisions that must be included in the POST form and allows for the modification or revocation of the POST form.

#### **Advance Directive Brochure**

In 1999 the ISDH created a brochure describing state laws related to advance directives. In 2004 the brochure was significantly updated and a Spanish version was created. The ISDH has updated the Advance Directive Brochure to include POST information as well as updates to other sections. The updated brochure is available on the ISDH Advance Directive Resource Center. The ISDH is planning to update the Spanish version of the brochure as soon as possible.